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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

1. Thanks for your response to my inquiry. Let me compliment the committee and its working groups for the work which they have accomplished thus far.

2. I have seen the Soviet strategic cruise missile study and found it impressive. I am asking the NFIC to table it for an early NFIC meeting.

3. You have an important and critical task in evaluating collection strategy mixes in relation to developing national strategy and intelligence needs. As you know, there is no easy or permanent answer to this continuously vexing problem. In the final analysis, this will have to be dealt with by the chiefs of the collection units in the community. We will be meeting to discuss this among other things next Monday. It would be useful if you could crystalize any preliminary thoughts on the substance of the mode of attack and time table for dealing with this problem for me to air at that meeting.

4. I would like to see the committee formulate a list of what the members see as other highly critical intelligence needs. As a starter, what collection needs and more effective modes of attack do you see to deal with the increasingly urgent, complex and far-reaching terrorist threat?



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